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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME		

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Sir:

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The relevance of **JP 2002-75994 A** and **JP 3409831**, is discussed in the present specification.

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